

Oman Parliamentary Elections: Shura Council

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Brief review

Elections were held in Oman on 27 October 2007 to elect the 6th Consultative Council for a four-year term beginning in 2008. Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed founded the Consultative Council in 1991, and the first open elections were held in 2003. All nationals aged 21 and above are qualified to vote. Omani women were given the right to vote and stand for elections in 1994.

388,683 voters were registered to vote in 102 polling stations. 632 candidates, 21 of whom were women, competed for the 84 seats of the Consultative Council distributed over 61 constituencies. Constituencies with 30,000 citizens or more have two representatives each, and constituencies with less than 30,000 citizens have one representative each.

[See also: [Legal background, detailed results and in-depth coverage](#) (external link)]

Summary of results and statistics

The participation rate was 62.7%. Women constituted around 50% of voters, but failed to win seats in these elections.

There are no political parties in Oman; therefore, distribution of seats according to political parties is not applicable.
